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SUBJ: TURK EMBASSY ENQUIRY CONCERNING FOLLOW- ON TO
KISSINGER SPEECH

1. TURK EMBASSY COUNSELOR YEGEN CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON DEP ASST SEC FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS SPRINGSTEEN CONCERNING APRIL 23 KISSINGER SPEECH. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE THREE WEEKS SINCE SPEECH, SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT REACTION OF EUROPEAN PARTNERS THUS FAR HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN THEIR LACK OF SPECIFICITY. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING TOWARD A JOINT EFFORT AT CREATIVITY, AND THOUGH OUR EUROPEAN PARTNERS HAD GENERALLY WELCOMED THE SPEECH AS AN INITIATIVE AT REDEFINING THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES, THEY HAVE YET TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

2. YEGEN THEN INQUIRED WHETHER WE INTENDED PROCEED WITH CONSULTATIONS BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY. IF THE LATTER, IN WHAT FORUMS? WOULD WE USE GATT, OECD AND OTHER
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ORGANIZATIONS? SPRINGSTEEN REPLIED THAT WE SEE THIS AS AN EFFORT INVOLVING PRIMARILY THE NATO COUNTRIES, WHICH INCLUDE ALL BUT ONE EC MEMBER. THE NATO FORUM APPEARS THE LOGICAL PLACE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON POLITICAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS. ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED FIRST BILATERALLY AND THEN IN NATO. WE ASSUME THE EC MEMBERS WILL CONSULT EACH OTHER IN EC FORA. SPRINGSTEEN ADDED THAT TALK OF MODALITIES, HOWEVER, SHOULD

NOT OBSCURE IMPORTANT POINT IN KISSINGER SPEECH THAT THESE ARE MATTERS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE LEFT TO TECHNICIANS, AND THAT ULTIMATELY THE DECISIONS MUST BE MADE BY THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVELS IN EACH COUNTRY.

3. NOTING THAT US PROPOSING DIALOGUE WITH EUROPE, YEGEN ASKED HOW WE VISUALIZED EUROPE IN THIS CONTEXT. THE EC NINE? OR ALL THE COUNTRIES OF NATO? SPRINGSTEEN REPLIED THIS EFFORT WOULD INVOLVE GREECE AND TURKEY AS WELL AS OTHER ALLIANCE MEMBERS. US WOULD, OF COURSE, BE TALKING WITH EC NINE, BUT LARGELY IN THE NATO CONTEXT. FACT THAT LITTLE HAD YET COME FROM MULTILATERAL DIS-CUSSIONS IN NATO SHOULD NOT DETER TURKEY FROM PUTTING FORTH ITS VIEWS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO TURKEY' S CONTRIBUTION TO THIS JOINT EFFORT.

4. OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED BY EXPLICIT ASSURANCE THAT TURKEY NOT TO BE EXCLUDED, YEGEN THEN INQUIRED HOW JAPAN WOULD BE INVOLVED. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THIS WAS YET TO BE WORKED OUT. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE PROBABLE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON SECURITY IN A DECLARATION DRAWN UP BY THE NATO PARTNERS, IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT JAPAN WOULD CARE FORMALLY TO SIGN IT. A MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR JAPAN UNILATERAWLY TO DECLARE ITS ASSOCIATION WITH RELEVANT PRINCIPLES OF THE DECLARATION.

5. NOTING REFERENCE IN KISSINGER SPEECH TO DOCTRINE OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, YEGEN ASKED WHETHER WE CONTEM-PLATING CHANGE IN DEFENSE DOCTRINE WHICH WOULD PUT GREATER EMPHASIS ON CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND HENCE PUT LARGER PORTION OF DEFENSE BURDEN ON EUROPEAN PARTNERS. TURKEY, HE SAID, CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS FOR DEFENSE OF

SOUTHERN FLANK. SPRINGSTEEN SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN US POLICY, BUT WE DO NEED TO EXAMINE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DEFENSE. NUCLEAR PARITY PRESENTS A NEW SITUATION. EVEN AT THE TIME OF THE ADOPTION OF THE DOCTRINE OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, WE HAD BEEN URGING OUR ALLIES TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES AND WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY DONE SO SINCE. THERE IS

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ALSO THE MATTER OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE DETER-
MINATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THEIR POSSIBLE USE IS A
MATTER OF HIGH POLICY, APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION AMONG
THE ALLIES.

6. AMBASSADOR ESENBEL HAS APPOINTMENT TO SEE UNDER
SECRETARY PORTER TO DISCUSS SAME SUBJECT FRIDAY, MAY 18.
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